

# Year 5 Summer Newsletter: European Expedition



As part of our whole school Big Idea – Where in the World? - Year 5 will be learning all about Europe and its rivers and landmarks. We will undertake lots of enquiry based activities to learn about the countries and cities within Europe. We will study some of the most famous natural and manmade landmarks across Europe and explore the cultural diversity displayed across the remarkable continent in which we live. We will learn about a river’s journey from source to sea and explore its features. We will also consider the reasons why settlements developed alongside rivers and the importance of rivers in the past and still today.



## Topic Launch

During launch day we will learn about the features of rivers as the water travels from source to sea. We will also learn about the process of erosion and deposition in rivers.



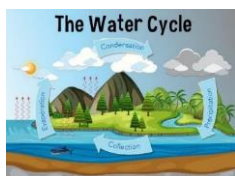
## DT

We will be designing and making a waterproof wallet. To support with this, we will learn a brief history of waterproofing and study the Scottish chemist and inventor of the waterproof coat – Charles Macintosh.

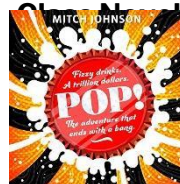
## Science

We will explore the life cycles of a number of animals from different classifications and we will learn about the process of reproduction in plants.

Through our Science lessons, we will also learn about the conservationist Marjory Stoneman Douglas, known for her staunch defence of the Everglades against efforts to drain it and reclaim the land for development.



Linked to our Learning Adventure, we will also learn about the water cycle.



## PSHE

In our Jigsaw lessons we will be learning about ‘Relationships.’



## Geography

We will use maps to locate counties and cities in Europe before locating natural features such as mountain ranges and rivers within them.

We will locate and explore some of the most famous European landmarks and consider why they are important to a country’s economy.

After learning about Europe’s human and physical geographical features, we will explore the cultural diversity displayed by focusing on three contrasting regions.



## PE

PE will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Year 5 will be doing gymnastics and tennis in the Summer Term.

## French

We will be learning about the ‘Weather.’